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FURNITURE AND FAILURE.

Dealing on the installment plan said to be very profitable.

The New York Star has this item of gossip: "Did you ever know a furniture man to fail?" said the other day an acquaintance who has considerable knowledge of the business. No instance of the kind coming to my memory, he continued. "Dealing in furniture on the installment plan is, or ought to be, a very profitable business. There is no market quotation for furniture, like corn or cotton, and the dealer can ask just about what he pleases, or rather what he thinks the customer is willing to pay. In selling his goods he does not part with them; they are still his property in the house of the purchaser, and it is a criminal offense for the latter to dispose of or conceal them."

"This is an advantage which no other class of business enjoys. The control of the goods is not parted with until the last cent has been paid. Not long ago I was on a jury in a case in which a firm of furniture dealers sold a widow for some money as a balance on certain furniture bought by her on the installment plan. The firm had taken back the furniture, kept it stored for several months, then sold it at auction, and they claimed that the widow, who had a little property, was chargeable with interest on the purchase money up to the time of the sale. I was foreman of the jury, and I took the ground that interest ceased when the goods were taken from the woman's possession, and such was our verdict."

An Exasperating Ass.

Often before and during the progress of the Parrell Commission I have extolled the fair-mindedness of the late Mr. Parrell. He was the best of his kind, an egotistical, exasperating ass of which the human mind can conceive. By reason of his mean and unmanly course throughout the commission, and his perversely stupid attitude since the report of the judges made, he has become so wholly hateful to the entire opposition that every word he says now from his place on the Treasury benches galls and wounds like a personal insult.

No Square Towers Allowed.

Building Inspector Entwistle has refused to approve that portion of the plans of a large new brick warehouse that is to be erected for John A. Baker at the corner of Twelfth and C streets northwest, which provides for a square tower at the corner, projecting four feet on the sidewalk of each street. He is of opinion that such towers are not only ugly, but are obstructions, and will only grant permits for round or octagonal towers.

To Purchase Four Per Cent.

Secretary Windom announced today that the Department will resume the purchase of 4 per cent. bonds at 125 or less.

In the Front Rank.

The purity, elegance and excellence of the famous wines of Bordeaux are fully represented by the fine claret of the reliable house of J. Calvet & Co. For sale by the Shoemaker Company and other leading dealers.

THE SUNDAY-REST BILL.

308,000 CITIZENS OF THE DISTRICT PETITION AGAINST IT.

Washington's Interests in Congress.—\$92,000 for a Zoological Park.—The Chance for New Postoffice.—Featherston-Cate Election Contest.

A message from the President approving the agreement made with the Chippewa Indians of Minnesota for the session of their lands was presented to the Senate today and referred.

Mr. Stockbridge presented a large mass of petitions, containing the signatures of 308,000 adult male citizens of the United States, against the Sunday Rest bill.

The Senate passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for public building at Lafayette, Ind.

A bill to regulate commerce by telegraph, which was reported from the Interstate Commerce Committee, was read in full. It went over without action, as Mr. Gorman wanted to discuss it.

The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of pension bills on the calendar. No quorum being present, a call of the Senate was ordered and still in progress when this report closed.

In the House.

Immediately after the reading of the journal, the House resumed consideration of the contested election case of Featherston vs. Cate from the First Arkansas district.

Mr. Cate, the contestant, took the floor in his own behalf. He said he did not wish the House to elect a Representative from the First district of Arkansas. All he wanted was that justice be done to 42,000 freedmen of his district.

The previous question was ordered in the Featherston-Cate case by a vote of 145 to 141. A vote will be reached later in the evening.

District Matters in Congress.

The House District Committee held a meeting this morning. Chairman Grout presiding. The committee took up the bill amending the charter of the Annsville Street Railway. The Senate bill, which has already passed that body, was substituted for the House bill. An amendment was adopted repealing the authority already granted for the construction of a South street line from M to G.

Under the bill, as it now stands, the road will run along Eleventh street southeast between M and G instead of Seventh. The bill as amended is now on the House calendar.

The committee then substituted the Senate bill for shortening terms of imprisonment in the District jail and workhouse five days in a month for good behavior, and it takes the place on the calendar heretofore occupied by the House bill, with which it is precisely identical.

The committee then took up the Rock Creek Park bill for the rest of the session. The members of the committee will go out there tomorrow morning and inspect the grounds proposed for the park for themselves, provided the weather is not inclement. The committee made the Rock Creek Park bill a special order for Friday.

The House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds will get two days after the Arkansas contested election case is disposed of. The first bill to be called up will be Mr. Milliken's to erect a city post-office building on the triangle at Avenue N and D streets.

The committee yesterday reported a bill appropriating \$45,000 to put a new roof on the Smithsonian Institution; also a bill appropriating \$92,000 to establish and maintain the new Zoological Park. It was referred to the Committee on Appropriations on a question of jurisdiction raised by Mr. Cannon.

The World's Fair.

The sub-committee of the House World's Fair Committee expects to hold a meeting this afternoon, if the Arkansas contested election case is disposed of in time. Chairman Chandler is not at all disturbed by the newspaper talk about Chicago's demanding a enormous appropriation. He says the committee will do its duty despite such talk.

The Tariff Bill.

Chairman McKinley of the Ways and Means Committee said to the Critic this morning: "The Tariff bill which will be submitted by a majority of the committee is nearly completed. It will be presented to the House in about two weeks."

"I am confident," said the Texan, "that we will have the next House of Representatives. We will have ten members from the South and at least twenty-five from the North and West."

Being asked by THE CRITIC where the gains would be made in the South Mr. Mills said:

"We will get two members from Kentucky, two from Missouri, two from West Virginia, one from Arkansas, one from Louisiana, two from Virginia."

It is said to be pretty certain that ex-United States Senator Jonas will run for Congress in the Second Louisiana District.

All the Democrats who lose their seats will, it is said, be candidates again this fall.

AFTER SENATOR INAGALLS.

The Leader of the Farmers' Alliance Asks Him some questions.

CHICAGO, March 5.—A Herald special from Topeka, Kan., says: The continued rapid growth of the Farmers' Alliance in Kansas is phenomenal. In some counties of the State nine out of ten of the farmers belong to the organization, which is destined to revolutionize politics in the Sunflower State. Judge W. A. Pfeiffer, editor of the *Kansas Farmer*, and the recognized leader of Alliance movements, asserts boldly at this early day that the Alliance is certain to elect the next Legislature.

When asked yesterday if members elected by the Alliance would support Senator Ingalls for re-election he said: "That depends entirely upon the position taken by Mr. Ingalls. The Alliance will not support any man who does not agree with it. I sometimes since addressed a letter to Senator In-

galls requesting his views on the following questions:

"1. What legislation, if any, do you recommend by way of relief to farmers in the present depressed condition of agriculture?"

"2. Do you favor an increase in the volume of circulating money? If you, to what extent, in what way do you propose to effect the change and how get the money in circulation?"

"3. In what respect, if at all, and for what purpose, do you favor the changing of the national banking law?"

"4. Do you favor free and unlimited coinage of silver at present weight and fineness?"

"Up to this date the request had not been complied with. My opinion is that Senator Ingalls and the farmers of Kansas cannot get together upon these important questions."

REPUBLICAN LEAGUE CLUBS.

Gathering at Nashville.—A Letter from the President Read.

NASHVILLE, TENN., March 5.—Not more than half the delegates to the National Convention of the Republican League were present when President Thurston called them to order shortly after 11 o'clock this morning.

The proceedings were opened with prayer, after which telegrams and letters were read from President Harrison, Congressman T. C. Platt of New York and others. President Harrison's letter is as follows:

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.
Hon. John M. Thurston, President of the Republican League of the United States.
DEAR SIR: It gives me pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th, extending on behalf of the executive committee of the United States to attend the annual convention of the league, to be held at Nashville, Tenn.

While I cannot accept the invitation, unless I be accompanied by several of my friends, I am glad to express my interest in the success of your proposed meeting and in the permanence and useful activity of the clubs which will be represented.

Such organizations are wholesome and desirable, not only for a party but for a people. They interest young men in public affairs, and compare and organize the interest excited in the controlling political forces.

Committee reports were called for. The committee on credentials reported no contest and that all delegates present were entitled to vote.

The league then took a recess until 2 o'clock, in order that it might in a body call upon Governor Taylor and the Legislature, which had extended an invitation.

The delegates present, about 400, then formed in double column and marched to the State Capitol to meet the Governor and Legislature, Alabama taking the lead.

BLOOD BROUGHT BACK.

He Robbed the Western Union Telegraph Company.

ABERDEEN, S. D., March 5.—William Blood, formerly manager of the Western Union Telegraph office in this city, who was arrested in November last upon a charge of embezzlement and discharged for lack of evidence, was brought in last night, from Council Bluffs under an indictment found upon a smaller charge at the last term of the Brown County Circuit Court.

His former examination, it is said, tended to prove the existence of a widespread conspiracy among operators to "knock down" business by the old false clock system. Later investigation and the admissions of several of those implicated are alleged to have shown that Blood was organizer and chief of the combine. It is charged that he worked persistently to induce several operators to join the plot, and his associates are said to have exceeded \$800 during the few months he was in charge of the local office.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT CHANGES.

Removals and Promotions Among the Employees.

The District Commissioners today ordered the following changes among District officials:

The resignation of Roger Williams as assessor to be accepted; Matthew Trimble appointed in his place.

Mr. Lanman, a \$1,000 clerk in the Assessor's office, to be removed.

Mr. McCormick, \$1,100 clerk in the executive office, to be removed and Roger Williams appointed in his place.

F. B. Groff, overseer at the Washington Asylum at \$800, and Samuel E. Arnold, overseer at \$600, are removed, and Wm. C. Thompson, assistant, vice Groff, and Groff, vice Arnold.

All these changes go into effect from the 15th inst.

NO MORE SECRET SESSIONS.

The Senate of Wyoming to Make its Executive Proceedings Public.

CHEYENNE, WY., March 5.—The upper branch of the eleventh Legislative Assembly yesterday abolished the rule requiring nominations for Territorial offices to be received in secret upon executive session. Seven Democrats and one Republican voted for open consideration, and four Republicans against it. The action of the Senate is the talk of the town. Governor Warren sent four nominations to the upper branch yesterday. Their consideration was postponed to a stated hour Thursday.

Negotiating for Glass Works.

FINDLAY, OHIO, March 5.—The agent for an Eastern or European syndicate in the city trying to secure an option on all the glass factories of Findlay, with a view of purchasing them. Thus far the glass men and the agent have been unable to come to terms. The glass factories of Findlay represent a capital of several million dollars.

A PLUCKY GIRL.

She Killed a Burglar Who Had Entered Her Room.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 5.—Last Sunday night a burglar was slain in Sampson County by Alice Kinney, a young girl 19 years of age, and her bravery has made her the heroine of her county. Miss Kinney's father is dead and she lives alone with her mother on a farm.

Sunday night Miss Kinney was aroused by the noise of some one in an adjoining room. She at once realized that a burglar was in the house and the life of herself and mother was in danger. Under her pillow was a .38 calibre, self-acting revolver. She took the pistol in her hand and concealed it under the quilt, then she lay as if asleep.

When the burglar entered the room he walked up to the bed, and sneaking soundly, he began to look around for plunder. The burglar wore a mask and carried a pistol in his hand. He was about to enter the room when he saw the light of the lantern in the room.

The burglar stood directly in front of the bed, and while he had his face turned away, Miss Kinney quietly raised the pistol and took aim at the villain's head and fired. Instantly the burglar whirled around, and as he did so, she again fired and he fell to the floor with a groan. With the smoking pistol in her hand she watched just six minutes, when he died.

Then the alarm was given and a crowd gathered at the house. The burglar proved to be Samuel Kinney, a negro desperado, who has given much trouble.

MARRIED IN PRISON.

Miss Page Believed in the Innocence of Her Lover.

OTTAWA, March 5.—The little town of Joliette is again talking of the Belle-humour tragedy. It will be remembered that the two brothers who resided at St. Thomas, a little village about three miles from Joliette, met one evening on the track, when, without a word, Louis killed his brother, who also resided at St. Thomas, all of which took place. Then he beat his brother on the head with the butt end of the revolver, and finally left him for dead lying upon the track, where he lay for an hour, a train would pass. Happily, however, he came to his senses and managed to crawl from the track. The brother was arrested and lodged in jail on a charge of assaulting with intent to kill.

There was a great deal of excitement in the little town over the affair, but it had nearly died out, only to be aroused by the news on Friday that Louis had married in the city the girl of his choice, one Miss Page, who also resided at St. Thomas, and in spite of the damaging evidence against her lover, believing him guilty of the terrible crime he had committed with the revolver, she had married him. The ceremony was performed at St. Thomas, and the town of Joliette, in the presence of a few witnesses, Francis Belle-humour, the assaulted brother, is still very low, but is expected to recover.

GIGANTIC GAS TRUST.

A \$5,500,000 Monopoly of All of Indiana's Natural Gas.

KOKOMO, IND., March 5.—About a dozen leading natural gas companies operating in the northern and eastern portions of Indiana within the last few days combined their interests, forming an immense trust, with an aggregate capital of \$5,500,000.

The trust will have control of nearly all the gas produced in the State, both in the north and south. The amount of their leases at the present time is not far from 200,000 acres. The Chicago Pipe Line Company, supposed to be the originator of the trust scheme, with a capital of \$2,000,000, was said to have announced that it will begin immediately to lay its pipe line to that city, a distance of 150 miles.

AN ACTRESS' LUCK.

Marie Halton Wins Twenty Thousand Francs at Roulette.

PARIS, March 5.—Marie Halton, the fugitive actress from the New York Casino, has just returned from Monte Carlo, where a run of good luck, it is said, enabled her to win 20,000 francs in roulette at a table. She was seen at the Grand Hotel last evening, and virtually admitted that she was en route to America, and will sail in the Teutonic on the 19th. She has signed a contract with a manager and returns to her theatre. In proof of this, she produced the document, and stated that her going back was entirely a matter of inclination and not of necessity.

MITCHELL USED A POKER.

In a Quarrel With a Middle-Weight Prize Fighter.

LONDON, March 5.—Chesterfield Goode, the middle-weight, who was recently defeated in a glove fight with Toff Wall at the Pelican Club, quarreled with Charles Mitchell while drinking last night at the house of a well-known sporting man named Baird. During a clench both men fell down a flight of stairs. Baird rushed to Mitchell to punish Goode and Goode, in turn, rushed to punish Baird. Mitchell, who was in the hospital, had not yet been arrested.

Stole a Little Girl.

OLKANS, N. Y., March 5.—The Sheriff of Duvel County, South Dakota, passed through here yesterday, having in custody Arthur Converse, who last October abducted a young girl of 13 years, named Converse, from her home in the town of Cary, S. D. The child was also recovered. Converse was captured at Ceres, Allegany County.

The Easiest Way Out.

GEORGETOWN, DEL., March 5.—Rufus Wheatly, deputy clerk of the peace of Sussex County, committed suicide here yesterday by taking chloral. He is said to have been implicated in some fraudulent transactions by which the county treasury has been swindled out of about \$1,000.

Department of the Potomac.

Major M. E. Urell, commanding the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., has issued a general order to the members of the department for a meeting of the committee to select a site to complete its organization and enter upon its duties.

The Civil Service Investigation.

The civil service investigation of the House Committee was adjourned today to enable the Postmaster-General to obtain certain data from Milwaukee for use in answering questions put to him by Committee members.

Assistant War Secretary.

The President today approved the bill providing for an Assistant Secretary of War.

DENIAL BY MR. KINCAID.

HE SAYS MR. TALBEE'S STATEMENT IS PREPOSTEROUS.

Condition of the Ex-Congressman.—He Suffers With Pains in the Head.—Dr. Hayne Says He Has no Appreciation of Mr. Talbee's Death.

Ex-Representative Talbee has held his own during the past twelve hours. His temperature was lower at noon today than it was at the same hour yesterday. He has suffered, however, very much with pains in the head, but at noon was resting easily.

Dr. Talbee, brother of the wounded man, says his brother is more hopeful now than he has been at any time since the shooting. No attempt has been made to extract the bullet, and none will be made at present.

Dr. Hayne, the surgeon in charge of the case, said to THE CRITIC this morning: "I have no apprehension that Mr. Talbee is going to die. The wound is draining splendidly, and unless blood poisoning sets in I should say that the patient has a good chance for recovery."

Judge Kincaid said this morning, with reference to Mr. Talbee's statement to Dr. Yoder yesterday, published exclusively in THE CRITIC, that the trouble had originated in an appointment that Kincaid had made on the Door-keeper's roll in the 49th Congress and which was charged to Talbee's district, and that on his complaint Kincaid had lost the place. "That statement is untrue. Indeed it is preposterous. I never lived in Mr. Talbee's district. If I had an appointment which was to be charged to any district it would be to the one in which I was born or to the Louisville district. I did hold for a time a minor place on the Door-keeper's roll, but was charged to no particular district. The appointment was made by Captain Denelson of his own motion, and was backed up by a letter from Representative McCreary, who represents the district in which I was born. I didn't like the place and resigned it of my own free will, as I can substantiate. There was not the slightest feeling on my part against Mr. Talbee at the time I sent that story to my paper. The Louisville Times, I had no animus against him, and so far as I know, he had none against me, until after that publication. I sent the story only because I conceived it to be my duty to do so."

WHY DID SHE GO?

One of Anson's Young Ladies Skips.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Another one of Mr. Rudolph Anson's young ladies has deserted the glittering galaxy that nightly ornaments the stage of the Casino. Dorothy Trinder, the plump brunette who was wont to dim the brightness of the foot-lights with her comely glances, sailed for Europe on the steamship La Champagne Saturday afternoon. It is said that she was accompanied by the young Boston millionaire, Walter Jackson. It is also said that she went alone.

One story runs that when "The Brig" company appeared at the Hollis-street Theatre in the city of culture, Mr. Jackson was smitten by the many charms of Miss Trinder, and when the company returned to this city Mr. Jackson followed her to New York, and delighted the soul of the box office man by buying a proscenium box every night.

Young Jackson sent numerous costly trinkets, not to mention candy, fruit and flowers, to Miss Trinder, and was continually begging her to accompany him to Europe. A few days ago Miss Trinder told one or two members of the company that she intended to go to Europe for the purpose of having her voice trained, but none suspected that her departure would be effected so suddenly.

The woman with whom Miss Trinder boarded tells an entirely different story. She said to-day: "Miss Trinder is an orphan and has plenty of money. She only came from France two months ago, where she had been cultivating her voice. Now she has gone back to her home in France, and I have been her friend in Boston to know she was on the stage. Why? Well, she is well connected and used to sing in a church choir. Her father is a rich man, and she has her Paris address, and she has engaged rooms with me for August, when she will return." The passenger list of La Champagne bears the name of Miss Trinder, but Jackson's name is absent.

ROBBED THE WIDOW, TOO.

A Cleveland, Ohio, Lawyer Who Turned Forger.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, March 5.—Thomas B. McKearney, one of the most prominent attorneys of this city, has fled, leaving behind a huge number of forged notes. McKearney was also the administrator of the estate of a deceased widow. He gave a bond for \$5,000. Owing to alleged mismanagement he was dismissed a month ago and another administrator appointed.

McKearney failed to turn over the money due the estate, and so was brought. Service was made on the bondsmen and they said that they had signed the bonds, and that their signatures were clever forgeries. McKearney is well connected and stood high in the community until a year ago, when he became addicted to drink.

IS MRS. MANAGER DEAD?

The Priest Says She Is, and the Doctors Can't Tell.

FOUNTAIN, MINN., March 5.—Mrs. M. Manager, residing two miles east of Preston, to all appearances died Sunday. The funeral was to have been held yesterday, but the priest refused to perform the ceremony on the ground that the woman was not dead. The supposed corpse is now lying in the church. Physicians cannot determine whether the woman is dead or not. She once before lay in a trance for a number of days.

HIGH WATER MARK.

Rivers Rising and Causing Great Destruction Among Stock.

CARLE, ILL., March 5.—Last evening the river had risen nine-tenths of a foot since the evening before, showing a marked decrease in the rate of rise. The weather was cool and fair. Yesterday a small farm-house and several head of drowned cattle passed in the swift current. At Paducah the river leaves only a narrow strip of dry ground along the highest portion of the river front. The ferry landing and several farmhouses are submerged.

Four Hundred Farmers.

ST. PAUL, March 5.—The annual session of the Minnesota Farmers' Alliance met here yesterday. Nearly four hundred delegates were present.

WE MAY NOT BE IN IT

WHEN THE LEAGUE CLUBS ARE FINALLY MADE UP.

Going Very Strongly at the Meeting in Cleveland.—What the Various Magazines Think About Washington's Chances for Membership.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, March 5.—The morning session of the League meeting had been called for 10 o'clock, and Manager Brush of Indianapolis was evidently determined not to be caught napping. A few minutes before 10 he came down into the corridor from the dining-room.

Manager Leady of the Detroit Club unwittingly betrayed the secret of Brush's anxiety, when asked if there was any prospect of the transfer of the Washington franchise to the City of the Straits, by saying, "I am afraid not. It looks to me as if there would be only eight clubs in the League this year. Washington wants to sell and we are anxious to buy, but I've made a good many inquiries during the last twelve hours, and I am convinced to believe that we haven't much hope of getting in." The general feeling was that the League, and in spite of all that has been said to the contrary I am convinced that Indianapolis and Washington will go out."

Secretary Sandwith of the Pittsburgh Club seemed to think that the schedule committee anticipated the sale of Washington's franchise to Detroit when it drew up the recommendation providing for an equal division of the mileage expense of the several clubs.

EIGHT HOURS THE KEY.

Chicago Carpenters Contemplate a Strike Next Month.

CHICAGO, March 5.—The eight-hour demonstration given by the carpenters of this city last evening at Bricklayers' Hall, corner of Peoria and Monroe streets, was a very successful affair, both in attendance and enthusiasm. Nearly 1,500 laboring men, principally carpenters, were present, and manifested their enthusiasm by frequent interruptions of applause, as the speakers made some telling hit against the ten-hour system and in favor of the eight-hour movement. The probabilities are that the carpenters will strike April 7 unless they are granted their demands for an eight-hour day and forty cents an hour.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Doings of Financiers in the New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Money on call loaned at 4 1/2 per cent. Exchange steady; posted rates, 482 1/2 (486);